

MUTT & JEFF—Which Shows That You Can't Never Trust a Lyre

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PRE-SEASON TRIP

Savages May Play Teams in New Continental League.

Springfield, Joplin and Pittsburg Ask for Dates.

Despite the fact that it was announced the Savages would do all their traveling on the street car going to and returning from the local park during the training season, it now appears that they will take a few trips before the big race begins on April 20.

John Savage, a pitcher, thinks that he may have a few rookies on the squad who will need a little training in the matter of riding on omnibuses and sleeping in hotel beds as well as training on the diamond, and for this reason he is considering offers of pre-season dates from Springfield and Joplin, Mo., and Pittsburg, Kan., three of the towns that will be in the new Abbott-Cooley Continental League.

"If satisfactory financial arrangements can be made," Savage said, "we will make a trip taking in these three towns shortly before the opening of the season."

Nothing on Monroe. When asked this morning regarding the report that Monroe would be sent back to Topeka, Savage admitted that the Brooklyn club had notified him that it would probably be unable to use him, but stated that he had not been informed Eddie would be returned to him and did not know that he would.

The chances are that even if Monroe is thrown back on Savage's hands, he will not wear a Topeka uniform this season. "If Brooklyn will agree to anything like a chance, I am confident he will beat out any many they have for a second string backstop berth," the Topeka manager asserted, "but if Brooklyn does not hold on to him I know of two or three AA clubs that would like to have him. And Savage even went so far as to admit that he already had a \$1,500 offer for the pitcher, receiver, in the event Brooklyn let him go, but stated that he would not accept it, and would keep him in Topeka rather than do so.

Sure Enough Holdouts. Among the Savages who have not sent in contracts and who are not likely to do so unless the monthly consideration is made more attractive are Pitcher Hall and Outfielder Tyman. Both of these pastimers have refused to accept the terms offered them, and they promise to become "holdouts" in every sense of the word. Hall was considered one of the most promising young pitchers on the club last fall and Tyman was the third best hitter. George Cochran also is playing for a raise of the terms offered him and Pitchers Carroll and Sanders have not been heard from, but Cochran has tried the holdout game before and it is thought that both Carroll and Sanders will mail in their holdout documents just as soon as the weather opens up enough for them to get out and earn enough money to buy a postage stamp.

Savage stated yesterday afternoon that he was trying to land a managerial berth for "Roaring Bill" Rapps, and that he had given both Rapps and "Izzy" Bostick permission to make deals for themselves if they could. He admitted that in the event no deals are made, they may not be brought on, although he said he would consult with Manager Lattimore before deciding definitely.

Rapps on Inside. Undoubtedly Rapps is of the opinion Lattimore will want him on the club. At the close of last season "Roaring Bill" stated that he would expect to be back this spring unless Lattimore was manager, but that if he should be he was certain to return. Evidently, at the time he made this statement, Rapps had an idea that Lattimore was in line for promotion.

The players whose contracts are already on file in the office of the Topeka manager are: Pitchers Grover, Dushner, Lambeth, Lakoff, West and Higgins; Catchers Snow and Wising; Infielders Lattimore, Fisher, Finnegan; Outfielders Trainer, Widenell, Henson and Daniels.

O'Neill to Turn Over Books. Chicago, Ill., Feb. 25.—At a meeting here Friday between Frank Zehrung, president of the Western League, and "Tip" O'Neill, former head of the same organization, O'Neill agreed to turn over the records and books of the league to the new president as soon as they are come over by a committee from the league and approved.

Smoke the new Half Shell cigar.—Adv.

IN STIFF FINISH

Newton Santa Fees to Play Fast Basketball Teams.

U. S. Champions Scheduled for a Game March 8.

Newton, Kan., Feb. 25.—Manager Mileham of the local Santa Fe basketball team, has arranged an exceptionally good schedule to close the season in Newton. In arranging for the last few games he has taken in considerable territory. The best from near and far are coming.

February 23, the team will meet the fast Cleburne, Texas, team, which is one of the strongest in the Lone Star state this year. They are going good and have quite a string of victories to their credit. They are just returning from a trip to the Pacific coast playing all the important towns en route.

March 4, Company F of the Colorado National Guards will play here. This is a team of huskies from Lamar, and are coming to Newton, confident of a victory. Like the Cleburne team, they are on a trip going east having scheduled games with Iowa Y. M. C. A. and several fast teams in Missouri and Illinois.

With U. S. Champions. March 8, the Olympic club of San Francisco, Cal., is on the schedule. This team was by far the best team in the United States last year and by claim to the Amateur Athletic union championship, season 1914-1915, having won this championship from the Illinois Athletic club of Chicago, who had been national champions for the three previous years and had not suffered a defeat in five years.

March 18, last but not least by any means, comes the Lowe & Campbell team from Kansas City. This team needs no introduction to Newton basketball fans, as the organization has played at Newton in the past and is remembered as a fast lot. Their playing this year is fully up to standard, not having lost a game this season, and is the only team outside of Newton who has beaten the Iowa Y. M. C. A., which team was the Missouri Valley champions during the season 1914-1915.

The Newton boys are in fine form and have been putting in their time the past two or three weeks at hard practice and are in readiness for the best of them. They expect when this season closes to be some champions.

PHILLIES' PITCHING STAFF LOOKS STRONG ENOUGH TO DEFEND THE NATIONAL LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP THIS YEAR

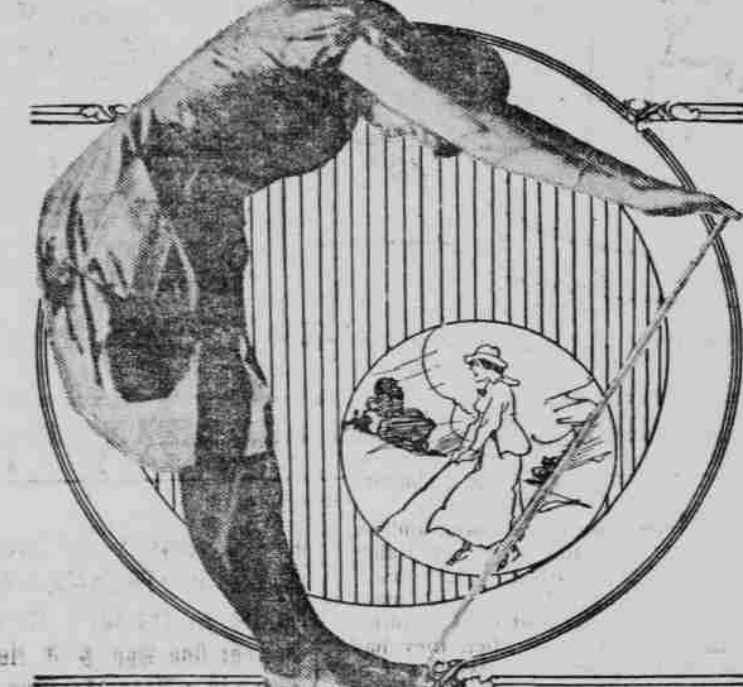


Left to right: Alexander, Demaree and Baumgartner.

Grover Cleveland Alexander, the leading pitcher in the National league will be back on the mound for the Phillies in the box for several seasons past, to effect that Alexander's arm was "gone" and there was a chance of his having to give it a rest this season were dispelled, when Alexander wrote from his home in St. Paul, Nebraska, a few days ago that he was in fine fettle.

With Alexander, Chalmers, Mayer, Demaree, McQuillan, Oeschger and Tineup, all right-handers who have been with the team; Rixey and Baumgartner, left-handers, and the two youngsters, Fortune and Rhodes, the Phillies' pitching staff looks plenty strong enough to defend the National league championship this year. Manager Moran has already declared that he will not bid for any of the Federal league stars, but there are one or two on the list of the Chicago Cubs whom Moran could use if they are placed on sale by Manager Tinker.

PERFECTION OF BODY NOT CHIEF AIM AT U. OF C.; HEALTH DECLARED MAIN OBJECT



Miss Catherine Marr, prominent girl athlete at University of California.

The typical California girl is measured in terms of health and not in those of physical proportions, says Maude Cleveland, head of the department of physical education at the University of California.

GOES TO PULLING TEETH. Leach Cross Quits Boxing Game to Follow His Profession.

New York, Feb. 25.—Permanent retirement of Leach Cross from the boxing ring has been announced by his manager, who said Cross's fight with Johnny Griffiths had been cancelled by mutual consent.

His knockout by Young Saylor in Cincinnati is said to have convinced Cross that it was time to quit the ring. For ten years Cross fought the leading lightweights of the country. He is a dentist and is 30 years old.

The new Half Shell cigar, fresh made every minute, of Porto Rican tobacco.—Adv.

BOWLS AVERAGE OF 198. J. O. Sauer Sets Stag Teapin League on Fire Friday Night.

Unless some team in the Stag bowling league does the wake-up-stunt in the immediate future the Stag team, composed of Messrs. Ratcliff, Ship, Nichols, Fergus and Wolfe, will win all the honors of the league as easily as Denver used to win the Western league a few years ago.

The Stags are now leading the league with a percentage of .733, and their closest rivals are the Santa Fees, who have a percentage of only .466. The standing of the teams at the end of Friday night's play was given out as follows:

Teams— W. L. Pct.
Stags 11 4 .733
Santa Fees 7 8 .466
Motive Powers 8 8 .500
Hustlers 5 9 .357

Friday night the Stags and Hustlers locked horns and the Stags had little trouble in winning two out of the three games. J. O. Sauer of the Hustlers set the pace for the evening, setting 193 in the first game, 186 in the second and 237 in the third. A. Wolfe of the Stags also made a good total score and ran Sauer a close race for individual honors, getting 175, 221 and 187 in his three games. The complete scores:

Stags— 1st 2nd 3rd
Ratcliff 124 124 124
H. Ship 124 124 124
P. Nichols 124 124 124
F. Fergus 124 124 124
A. Wolfe 124 124 124

Hustlers— 1st 2nd 3rd
J. O. Sauer 193 186 237
A. Wolfe 175 221 187
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Art Magill Wins With K. O. Milwaukee, Wis., Feb. 25.—Art Magill, Oklahoma welterweight, stopped Mike Hirsch, of Chicago, in the final session of a ten-round boxing bout here Friday night. Hirsch was completely outclassed. Alex Cortina, Romanian middleweight, and Joe Herrick, Milwaukee, boxed ten slow rounds. Sporting writers differed as to result.

Negro Sprinter Equals Record. Chicago, Ill., Feb. 25.—The performance of Sol Butler, the negro sprinter of Duquesne college, featured the preliminary trials of the twenty-second annual track and field meet of the First Regiment Athletic association here Friday night. Butler, although set back to scratch for beating the signal, did the forty-yard dash in :04 2-5, equalling the Central A. A. U. record held by F. V. Belote, of Chicago.

The Half Shell cigar, made fresh, every cigar is a good one.—Adv.

AGGIES WIN FROM M. U.

The Manhattan Quintet Easily Outclasses the Missouri Tiger Tossers.

Manhattan, Kan., Feb. 25.—In the fastest and most hotly contested game of the season, the Aggies defeated the Missouri Tigers here Friday night by a 27 to 15 score. The Aggies started from the first tipoff with a whirlwind of fast team-work that took the ball beneath the Tiger basket time after time, the Aggies scoring seven points in the first nine minutes. It took twelve minutes for the Tigers to register on the score board. The first period ended with the score 15 to 7 in favor of the Aggies.

The second period was a neck and neck race, both teams using the same style of playing and hotly contesting each basket. The last score was made by Williams, of the Tigers, as the timekeeper's gun was fired.

The features of the game were the two difficult baskets made by Leonard and Reynolds.

The score:

Aggies—	Ex.	Pt.	Per. Tech.
Reynolds, J. C.	2	1	0
Adams, R.	2	0	0
Leonard, C.	2	0	1
McMillan, C.	2	0	0
Ramsey, R.	0	0	2
Gunning (sub.)	1	0	0
Totals	13	1	9

Tigers—

Ex.	Pt.	Per. Tech.
Wear, T. L.	0	0
Campbell, H.	2	0
Williams, C.	4	2
Hyde, R.	0	0
Shirley (sub.)	1	0
Totals	7	5

Substitutes: For Aggies: Gunning for Ramsey; for Tigers: Shirley for Wear.

STATE JOURNALS CLIMB. Newspaper Team in Second Place in Automatic League.

By defeating the Santa Fees 721 to 639, the Topeka State Journal automatic baseball team went into a tie for second place in the league with the Railroaders Friday night in their match play at 814 Kansas avenue.

Although the average scores of the State Journal players were better than those of the Railroaders, Sessions of the latter carried away the high single score honors with a total of 136. The Journal's second place was second with 161.

The teams in the league are now well matched and the playing promises to become very interesting from now to the finish. Friday night's scores:

State Journal— Santa Fees—
West 141 Marling 112
Hornung 128 LeRoy 126
Porter 124 Smith 124
Padgett 135 Sessions 175
Porter 161 Whitney 152

The State Journal will play the Savages next Monday night.

N. Y. Giants to Work Monday. Marlin, Tex., Feb. 25.—Pitcher A. J. G. Schott of the New York Nationals reported here for spring training. He said that Mr. McGraw was bringing an unusually large number of men on this year.

Word was received today that Mathewson had left New York for Marlin with the first squad of Giants. Training will begin Monday.

Cleveland Club Still Unsold. Cleveland, Ohio, Feb. 25.—The American association magnates in session here failed to reach any decision concerning the sale of the Cleveland A. A. club today. A meeting with Roger Bresnahan, late manager of the Chicago National team, probably will be held in Chicago today. The magnates expressed a desire to sell the club to him and transfer it to Toledo.

Emporia Normal Wins Again. Warrensburg, Mo., Feb. 25.—Kansas State Normal continued its winning streak Friday night by defeating the Warrensburg State Normal, 47 to 33. Cross, for the Emporia team, starred with many long connections with the basket. Monroe and West played well for Warrensburg.

St. Louis City Gets a Federal. St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 25.—It has been officially announced that Del Drake, formerly outfielder, Edward Willett, pitcher, and Charles Watson, pitcher, of the St. Louis Federal league team, had been released by the Browns.

Drake and Willett go to the Memphis club of the Southern league and Watson to Sioux City Western.

Kahanamoku to Chicago. New York, Feb. 25.—New York and Chicago athletes will have an opportunity to test their speed in the swimming tank against Duke Kahanamoku, the Hawaiian swimmer, in the 220-yard national championship race here April 16. Officials of the Amateur Athletic union here received definite assurances that the Hawaiian will enter for this event.

Ask for the FREE souvenir with 25¢ worth of the new Half Shell cigars, made fresh every minute.—Adv.

Sport Wheezes

—BY CLUG—

Commenting upon the comment made by this column upon the new name of the Lincoln W. L. club, the Star says: "Well, Lincoln can take a chance. She has had tigers that wouldn't take a nickel's worth and she has had antelopes that couldn't lope across the percentage table. She may be flying with the geese this year."

The Omaha News states that Willard will make more money out of his Moran bout than the fans will pay in at the gates of the Omaha Western league park during the coming season, but was returned to Holland when peace was made.

Because there are so many bores in the world who can't get things as they should be, Joe Stecher, the Nebraska scrapper, plans to change his name and spell it with a "k" instead of an "h," as 999 out of 1,000 fans and newspapers insist upon doing.

Jack Holland, owner of the St. Joe Drummers, disposed of one of his "hold out" problems yesterday when he sold "Tex" Westcott to the San Antonio club of the Texas league. Westcott jumped to the Reds last season, but was returned to Holland when peace was made.

Jimmy Jackson will report to the Wichita Wolves April 1, it is stated, to begin preparations for the opening of the season. The Wichita roster of players now includes: Wilbur Gray, major; Ernie Williams, first base; Arthur Buster, catcher; Joe Pate, Gil Davis, William Powers, Clyde Geist, William Malarkey, Earl Fleharty, Major; Bill Fox, Joe Tobin, L. D. Bennett and Manager Jimmy Jackson, outfielders.

K. C. TRACK MEET TONIGHT. Jayhawkers Will Send Big Squad to Convention Hall Events.

Lawrence, Kan., Feb. 25.—A squad of forty men will be taken by Coach W. O. Hamilton of the K. U. track team to the Kansas City Athletic club invitation meet at Convention hall tonight.

The K. U. entries in the regular events include: 70 men of freshmen, in addition to the regular track team. The entries are:

Fifty yard dash—Hilton, Crowley, Rustenback.

Hurdles—Winn, Elliott, Woodbury, Casey Holden.

Mile—Herrriott, Sproul, Stetler, Grady, Groene.

Pole vault—T. F. Campbell and Pat-
terson.

High jump—Trewicke and Rice.
Shot put—Heber and Small.

One thousand yards—Dillon and Welch.

Half mile—Murphy.

St. Paul Gets Ad Brennan. Chicago, Ill., Feb. 25.—Ad Brennan, left handed pitcher with the local Federal team since the beginning of the league, has been sold to the St. Paul club of the American association.

Brennan made a great record with the Philadelphia National league team and went over to the Federals at a fancy salary and much was expected of him. His arm went lame, however, and he did not recover form during his stay in the now defunct league.

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